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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8 to page 6, line 4, as follows:

As particles having voids, for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Nos. 2003-246617 and 03-197318 (1991) and Japanese Examined Patent Publication No. 08-18827 (1996) propose methods for producing meso-holes-bearing calcium carbonate usable for meso-porous materials having uniform meso holes by adding metal ion encapsulating agents to slaked lime solutions and blowing carbonic acid gas to the solutions while adding the metal ion encapsulating agents many times during the reaction and further, for example, Japanese Patent No. 41262 Japanese Examined Publication No. 43-3487 discloses a method of adding water glass alone or water glass together with trinitrioloacetic acid salt to milk of lime; Japanese Patent Nos. 1140546, 1140542 and 1023550 disclose production of agglomerate and encapsulated and twisted bodies by adding an oxycarboxylic acid, an aminopolycarboxylic acid, a copolymer of isobutylene and maleic acid, or a substance generally called as a chelating agent, which produces a copolymer by coordination with metal ion of a phosphoric acid salt, to milk of lime and blowing carbonic acid gas to the resulting solution for carrying out carbonation reaction to a middle extent so as to produce needle-like, spindle-like or chain-like fine particles and then further carrying out carbonation reaction, so-called vapor phase deposition.